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SUBJ: TUNA FISHING OFF COAST OF ECUADOR

1. LOCAL AND QUITO PRESS REPORT "TENS OF DIFFERENT FOREIGN FLAG FISHING BOATS" OFF THE COAST OF ECUADOR BECAUSE OF LARGE SCHOOLS OF TUNA BEING PRESENT. HAZY, CLOUDY WEATHER IN THIS AREA FOR PAST TWO WEEKS INDICATES DEFINITE CHANGE IN HUMBOLDT CURRENT. THIS ACCORDING TO PRESS IS REASON FOR PRESENCE TUNA.

2. JON COLE, IATTC REPRESENTATIVE MANTA STATES THAT YELLOWFIN SEASON CLOSED JUNE 5 AND THAT FREE TRIP WOULD ENABLE U.S. BOATS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENT FISHING UNTIL 4TH JULY. HOWEVER ALL CATCHES BEINR REPORTED ARE SKIPJACK. NO YELLOWFIN BEING REPORTED. THIS CONFIRMED BY RAMON GONZALEZ, MANAGER BUMBLE BEE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANTA THAT ONLY SKIPJACK BEING CAUGHT. HE SAYS AREA OF CATCH IS ECUADOREAN/COLOMBIAN BORDER BUT MOSTLY COLOMBIA.

3. EXPROMAR, AGENTS FOR AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION AND DIRRECCION GENERAL DE PESCA (DGP) BOTH STATE NO RPT NO U.S. BOATS HAVE APPLIED FOR LICENCES. DGP STATES ONLY ONE VESSEL, NANCY MARU OF JAPAN HAS APPLIED FOR A LICENSE SINCE JUNE FIRST.

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FIRST NAVAL ZONE AUTHORITIES CONFIRM THAT NO FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS FISHING IN ECUADOREAN CLAIMED TERRITOREAL WATERS. THIS ACCORDS WITH NEWSPAPER REPORTS AND MANTA PORT CAPTAIN REPORT.

4. COMMERCIAL OFFICER ROJAS IN CONVERSATION JUNE 26 WITH SUB-SECRETARY OF FISHERIES OFFIALS IN QUITO LEARNED THAT OFFICIALS AWARE OF PRESENCE OF TUNA IN REGION AND EXPECTING GOOD CATCHES TO BE REPORTED.

5. CITY OF SAN DIEGO, BUMBLE BEE TUNE BOAT BEING TRANSFERRED TO MANTA COMPANY, HAS ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS IN TRANSFER TO ECUADOREAN FLAG, PRESENTLY IN PUERTO RICO DISCHARGING SKIPJACK CATCH. EXPECTED RETURN MANTA JULY 6. THIS ONLY KNOWN U.S. FLAG VESSEL OPERATING IN THESE WATERS.

6. CONSULATE GENERAL BELIEVES THIS FLURRY OF ARTICLES GENERATED BY MANTA LOCAL TUNAMEN WHO WANT ECUADOREAN NAVY ALERTED TO ARREST ANY INTRUDERS AND PERHAPS GENERATE "CAUSE CELEBRE." LOCAL BOATS NOT EQUIPPED OPERATE OUTSIDE ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS.
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